



January 2026

2026 – Competition Update

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your efforts in last year's competition.

After the October Presentation and the distribution of certificates, reports and feedback etc., the Committee took a well-earned break, and met up again in December for our small AGM.

At the AGM, Ann Alty, our Competition Organiser and Secretary for the past 10 years, decided it was time for her to retire and step back. We as a Committee thank her for all her hard work over the years in ensuring that the Competition ran smoothly.

Unfortunately, at the same meeting our Chair also resigned her position for personal reasons and again we thank her for her service. Phil Orme was elected as Chair, and we agreed to meet in January to discuss the way forward for the Competition for both 2026 and the future. Another blow to the Committee was the sale of one of our main sponsors, Barton Grange Garden Centre, our main sponsors for the past few years.

At the January meeting following long discussions it was agreed to take the hard decision that we do not run the Competition this year, and the Committee will take time to look at the running of the Competition, possible changes in its format and review the work required to run it effectively.

All our Committee and Officials are volunteers and give their time freely, they do so willingly to try and make Lancashire a better place to live and work, and we are sure you all agree the Lancashire Best Kept Village Committee has tried to do this via the Competition.

We hope you will stay on board with our Competition and we will keep you informed with updates during the year.

Many thanks,

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition Committee